

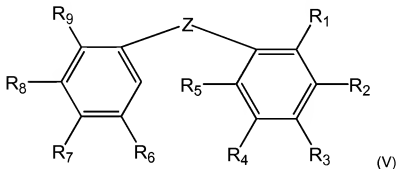
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 CANCELED

34. (currently amended) A composition of the following formula (V):



wherein

- a. Z is an ethylene (-CH=CH-) bridge in the cis (Z) isomeric configuration;
- b. R₁ and R₂ are OH or a prodrug form thereof;
- c. R₃ is selected from the group consisting of
 - i) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight-chain lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkoxy, aryloxy, or lower alkanoyloxy;
 - ii) a halogen or trihaloalkyl;
 - iii) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight chain lower alkyl, allyl, allyloxy, vinyl, or vinyloxy;
 - iv) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ primary, secondary, or tertiary alcohol; or and
 - v) oxo, lower alkanoyl, thio, sulfonyl, sulfonamide, nitro, nitrosyl, cyano, carboxy, carbamyl, aryl, or heterocycle;
- d. R₄, R₅, and R₉ are hydrogen,
- e. ~~R₆, R₇, and R₈~~ R₆ and R₈ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and
 - i) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight-chain lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkoxy, aryloxy, or lower alkanoyloxy;
 - ii) a halogen or trihaloalkyl;

iii) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight chain lower alkyl, allyl, allyloxy, vinyl, or vinyloxy; or

iv) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ primary, secondary, or tertiary alcohol; and

v) nitro;

f. R₇ is selected from the group consisting of

i) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight-chain lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkoxy, aryloxy, or lower alkanoyloxy;

ii) a halogen or trihaloalkyl;

iii) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ branched or straight chain lower alkyl, allyl, allyloxy, vinyl, or vinyloxy;

iv) a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄ or C₅ primary, secondary, or tertiary alcohol; and

v) nitro;

provided that said compound is not combretastatin A1 or prodrug thereof.

35. (previously presented) The composition of claim 34, wherein R₆, R₇, and R₈ are not hydrogen.

36. (original) The composition of claim 35, wherein R₆, R₇ and R₈ are the same.

37. (original) The composition of claim 36, wherein R₆, R₇ and R₈ are methoxy.

38. (canceled)

39. (previously presented) The composition of claim 37, wherein R₃ is -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -F, -Br, -CF₃, -CBr₃, -O-CH₂-CH=CH₂, -CH₂-CH=CH₂, -NO₂, -cyano, or -carboxy.

40. (previously presented) The composition of claim 36, wherein R₆, R₇, and R₈ are F.

41. (canceled)

42. (previously presented) The composition of claim 40, wherein R₃ is -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -F, -Br, -CF₃, -CBr₃, -O-CH₂-CH=CH₂, -CH₂-CH=CH₂, -NO₂, -cyano, -carboxy, or -benzyl.

Claims 43-56

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57. (previously presented) A composition selected from the group consisting of
 3-Ethyl-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 3-Methyl-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 4-Bromo-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 4-Phenyl-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 3-Allyl-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 4-Fluoro-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-1,2-dihydroxybenzene,
 2,3,4-Trihydroxy-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-benzene,
 2,3-Dihydroxy-4-ethoxy-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-benzene,
 2,3-Dihydroxy-4-allyloxy-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-benzene,
 4-Nitro-6-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)vinyl]-2,3-dihydroxybenzene,
 2',3'dihydroxy -3,5 dichloro-4,4'-dimethoxy-(Z)-stilbene,
 2',3' dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-(Z)-stilbene,
 2,3-Dihydroxy-4-methoxy-[(Z)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl) Beta-lactam]-benzene,
 2',3' diphosphate-3,4,5-trimethoxy-(Z)-stilbene, tetrasodium salt;
 3',4' diphosphate-3,4,5-trimethoxy-(Z)-stilbene, tetrasodium salt;
 and combinations thereof.

58.(canceled)